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1. Ordnance Factory at Brandenburg

The "Opelwerke" at Brandenburg now embraces a specially-installed workshop which is engaged upon the reconversion of war-damaged guns. Both German and Soviet guns are being salvaged from the field, and, with any usable parts available, a bastard gun is being produced.

2. Ammunition Dump at Prennitz

A former ammunition factory at Prennitz near Rathenow is now stocked full of artillery ammunition. In addition, certain wooden barracks in the town, formerly used to house refugees, are now being made ready to receive supplies of artillery ammunition for storage.

3. Ammunition Factory at Wulkow

An official notice from the SMA Kreiskommandant, Neuruppin, was recently posted in the town, announcing that females with wartime experience in ammunition manufacture soon may be reinscribed into this type of work. The local population considers this to indicate the reopening of the former ammunition factory in Wulkow.

4. "Sprengstoff Chemie Fabrik" at Dreetz

A portion of this factory was demolished about the end of March 1947. The most important part of it, from the point of view of subsequent explosives manufacture, has, however, been left intact.

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